

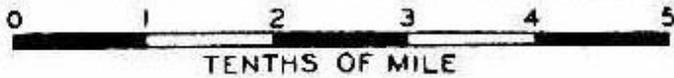
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TRAFTON POND

HIRAM AND PORTER TWPS

OXFORD CO MAINE

ELEV 388 FT AREA 56 ACRES



TRAFTON POND

Hiram & Porter Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. Kezar Falls, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout
Largemouth bass
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel

Minnows
Golden shiners
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed
sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 56 acres

Maximum depth - 43 feet

Temperatures:
Surface - 80°F
43 feet - 43°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, largemouth bass, and chain pickerel

Trafton Pond was chemically reclaimed in 1956 to remove warmwater fish that were competing with brook trout. The reclamation was not successful and warmwater species repopulated the pond. The pond is managed for both cold and warmwater fisheries.

Water quality is suitable for both warmwater and coldwater fish. The pond does thermally stratify during the summer months, but areas below 30 feet are deficient in oxygen. Despite this limitation there is suitable water quality to support a coldwater fishery. Interspecific competition and predation by warmwater fish significantly compromise efforts to manage for brook trout. Brook trout fisheries are sustained through an annual maintenance stocking program. Larger spring yearling trout are stocked to reduce predation mortalities and increase angler returns. Trafton is also stocked in the fall with legal-size fall fingerlings and fall yearling brook trout. A popular winter fishery has developed under this fall stocking program.

There is no designated public boat access site on Trafton Pond. Angler access occurs through permissive trespass. Since current access opportunities are very tentative there is a need to secure permanent public access to Trafton Pond.

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